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**CULMINATING
 CONCERT**

High School Music students hosted their free Culminating Concert in the gym Thursday 9th June from 6pm to 7 pm. Refreshments were on sale at \$20.00 for a tea plate combo and donations were collected towards charity.

AGM

The 2nd annual AGM was held on Wednesday 15th June, 2011. At the meeting, four of the Board members were re-elected: Ian de Souza, Jasmine Winford, Sandra Landreth-Smith and Gillian Poon Ting. Professor Gary Hepburn was the only newly elected person to the Board.

Unveiling of the new logo, vision and mission statements were presented for the new school year 2011-2012.

CALENDAR OF PAST AND UPCOMING EVENTS

June 15th	MLIS AGM, Building B, Great Hall, 6:00 p.m.
June 16th-24th	Secondary Exams
June 20th	Labour Day Holiday
June 22nd	Grade 8 Graduation
June 23rd	Corpus Christi Holiday
June 24th	Elementary reports go home
June 24th	Last day of classes
June 29th	Grade 12 graduation
September 1st	First day of School Year 2011-2012



Maple Leaf Art Exhibition "Community Showcase"

The grade 11 visual art students took part in their first art exhibition entitled "Community Showcase". Read and see more on page 2.....

"Life affords no greater responsibility, no greater privilege, than the raising of the next generation"

MAPLE LEAF ART EXHIBITION “COMMUNITY SHOWCASE”

The grade 11 visual art students took part in their first art exhibition entitled “Community Showcase”. They each chose an individual theme that was personally significant to them such as shadows, beauty, age, nature, Greek Mythology and death. Their themes differed in point of view, media and size. This exhibition is part of their university portfolio and it is also their first exhibition where their school community got to see their visual talents.



iREAD, iWRITE, iCREATE

By Gena Mohammed, MLIS Library

Are you between the ages of 7 and 12 and have nothing planned for the beginning of August 2011?

Then join the MLIS Library for our August fun days, “I Read, I Write, I Create” at the school’s library from August 3rd to 5th 2011 at 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

There will be fun activities with reading, writing, art, drama and computing.

Please sign up by the 17th of June 2011 at the library. We look forward to seeing you for our August fun days!

MLIS HOSTS MEMBERS OF THE (CCELD) CONFERENCE.

On Monday, June 6th, Maple Leaf International School hosted 12 visitors from the Caribbean-Canada Emerging Leaders' Dialogue (CCELD) Conference. This initiative was supported by the Canadian High Commission, and Maple Leaf was recognized as a leading organization in Trinidad and one in which this activity would find interesting.

The CCELD has three primary objectives. The first is strengthening the leadership capabilities of participants, to make them more effective in achieving results for their organizations. The second is to grow their networks - to help them establish a peer community with a shared experience and interest in shaping the future of their sectors, nations and the region. Thirdly, the Dialogue will build on the already strong bonds between the Caribbean and Canada.

MLIS Library: Learning Coming Alive

By: Ms. Gena Mohammed, MLIS Library



Maple Leaf's Library is more than just a place within the school to store our resources such as books, CDs and DVDs etc. It is a place where learning comes alive for everyone; staff, parents and students. This year the library undertook various events to bring learning alive for everyone.

Beginning in September 2010, Maple Leaf International School obtained the licenses for the NECTAR suite of programs. NECTAR is an interactive electronic learning program for grades K-12 in the core subjects of mathematics, language, and science. The library began a series of workshops to introduce our students to the immense potential of having access to these resources. The NECTAR software is currently loaded on to the library's computers and netbooks, and also on those at the school's other computer labs.

On the 4th of November 2010, the sounds of the tassa drums vibrated throughout the atmosphere of our main campus, signifying Maple Leaf library's 2nd annual Divali celebration "The Meaning of Divali". Among our performers were the Central Boys Tassa Group, Nayanika Pande of Grade 8G and Crystal Shaw of Grade 12. With the able assistance of Mr. Mark Ferdinand, there was also a dramatization of the Divali story and a fashion show featuring the latest in East Indian wear.

In May 2011, the library launched the Forest of Reading literacy reading initiative aimed at getting everyone, regardless of age or reading level involved in reading. The Forest of Reading is a reading initiative of the Ontario Library Association and the various books in the collection are nominated for awards in Canada. MLIS staff and students enjoyed these books immensely.

Writing of short stories is a form of creative expression; by expressing ourselves creatively we find our own voice. In May/June of 2011, the library partnered with one of the secondary English teachers, Ms. Cathy Sanders, to co-ordinate and plan Maple Leaf's short story competition "What's Your Write?" A hundred and eighteen entries of short stories were received from across the school and thirty-three winners were proclaimed. This year's contest was expanded to include categories for best Spanish Story and best illustrated picture book.

As we look forward to a new academic year, the library remains committed to the promotion of lifelong learning and a good reading habit in support of our school and its curricula.

